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## Cote d'Ivoire

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### Cote d'Ivoire Rice Imports Jan-Jun 2009

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#### Report Highlights:

Rice imports in the first six months of 2009 increased 17% compared to the same period in 2008 (456,840 MT vs. 552,403 MT). The second quarter of 2009 shows a dramatic increase (57%) in quantity compared to the previous quarter (166,132 MT vs. 386,272 MT). The quantity of rice imported in June represents 68 percent of the total quantity imported during the first six months of 2009. Thailand remains the largest rice supplier (39%) followed by Vietnam (27%) and Burma (14%). Since 2008, a relatively small quantity of U.S. rice (15,000 MT) is imported, representing a market share of 3%.

## **General Information:**

Rice is the most popular staple food in Cote d'Ivoire. It represents about 31% of the ten most consumed foods in the country and 50% of the rice consumed is imported. In June 2008, the Government of Cote d'Ivoire initiated a sustainable rice program in response to global cereal price inflation and as a measure to increase food self-sufficiency and security. This program has an objective to bring the local rice production up to 900,000 MT over the next five years. In 2008 production reached 679,969 MT and 687,721 MT is forecast for the 2009/10 campaign.

The quantity of imported rice increased 17% the first six months of 2009 compared to the same period in 2008 (552,403 MT to 456,840 MT) for a total value of \$315,362,064.

The second quarter of 2009 shows a dramatic increase in quantity (57%) compared to the previous quarter (from 166,132 MT to 386,272 MT). (See Table 1 and 4)

75% of the imported rice in Cote d'Ivoire is the grade "16 – 35 percent broken rice" while 21% is made of more than 35% broken rice and 3% the rice broken up to 15% (see Table 3). The average unit price for the imported rice decreased during the second quarter compared to the previous (\$ 0.67 vs. \$0.76/kg). (See Table 5)

Thailand remains the largest rice supplier (39%) followed by Vietnam (27%) and Burma (14%). Since 2008, a relatively small quantity of U.S. rice (15,000 MT) is imported which makes it the 6<sup>th</sup> supplier in the country with a market share of 3%. (See Table 2)

The CIF unit price varies slightly in accordance of the grades. The price of the 35% more broken rice has been stable during the first semester except for a small drop in March 2009. The average reported unit price is \$0.57/kg. For the 16 to 35% grade, the price has been dropping continuously from January to May 2009 but increased in June 2009. Its average price is \$0.54/ kg. The more expensive rice, which is broken up to 15%, sees its price dropping since the beginning of the year 2009. It only increased in May but started decreasing again in June 2009. The average price is \$0.98/kg. (See Table 5)

### **Table1: Quantity (MT) of Rice Imported by origins during the first six month of year 2009**

Note: The dollar value reflects the average exchange rate of the period. 1 US\$= 452 F CFA

Export Countries	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Thailand		58,611	26,553	31,494	58,740	40,205	215,603
South Vietnam	2,300	8,138	29,947	24,011	24,711	61,214	150,321
Burma		19,965		24,962	1,998	31,803	78,728
Pakistan			5,031		14,598	15,055	34,684
China		3,000	0	14		12,497	15,511
USA		0	0	15,328			15,328
India		975	604		1,612	1,547	4,738
Others	2	2,519	8,487	2	10,982	15,500	37,492
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,302</b>	<b>93,208</b>	<b>70,622</b>	<b>95,811</b>	<b>112,641</b>	<b>177,821</b>	<b>552,405</b>

**Table 2: percentage market share (%) by Exporting Country**

Export Country	% Market Share
Thailand	39
Vietnam	27
Burma	14
Pakistan	6
China	3
USA	3
India	1
Others	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 3: Percentage market share (%) and Quantity (MT) of rice imported by grade**

Rice Grades	Total Quantity (MT)	% Market Share
16-35% broken rice	415,796	<b>75</b>
More than 35% broken rice	118,558	<b>21</b>
0 to 15% broken Rice	18,050	<b>3</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>552,404</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 4: Quantity of rice imported by grade (MT) during the first six months**

Rice Grades	January	February	March	April	May	June	TOTAL
0 to 15% broken	1	26	3,313	5,011	3,201	6,498	<b>18,050</b>

16 to 35% broken	2,301	61,695	54,536	72,804	89,940	134,520	<b>415,796</b>
More than 35%	0	31,487	12,773	17,996	19,500	36,802	<b>118,558</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,302</b>	<b>93,208</b>	<b>70,622</b>	<b>95,811</b>	<b>112,641</b>	<b>177,820</b>	<b>552,404</b>

**Table 5: Average CIF unit price by Rice grade in USD/kg during the first six months**

<b>Rice Grades</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Average CIF price in USD/kg</b>
0 to 15% broken	1.14	1.02	0.94	0.81	1.05	0.94	<b>0.98</b>
16 to 35% broken	0.65	0.56	0.54	0.52	0.47	0.52	<b>0.54</b>
More than 35%	0.00	0.60	0.51	0.59	0.60	0.57	<b>0.57</b>
<b>Average price in USD</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>0.70</b>